

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A polymeric coextruded multilayer web, the web comprising:
at least two layers that are discontinuous in the cross-web direction comprising a plurality of distinct phases that are substantially continuous in the down-web direction; and
at least three layers that are substantially continuous in both the cross-web and down-web directions, at least one of the continuous layers comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive;
wherein said layers of phases are embedded between continuous layers and are separated from each other by continuous layer material of said multilayer web.
2. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein the materials comprising said substantially continuous layers and said discontinuous layers are polymers having polymer melt viscosities within a factor of two of one another.
3. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein said discontinuous layers independently comprise a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic materials, elastomeric materials, high viscosity liquids, and mixtures thereof.
4. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein said continuous layers comprise an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive and wherein said discontinuous layers independently comprise a material selected from the group consisting of a non-pressure-sensitive adhesive, a thermoplastic polyolefin, and combinations thereof.
5. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 4 wherein said thermoplastic polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers, ethylene/poly- α -olefin copolymers, amino-compatible polyolefins and blends of ethylene/poly- α -olefin and amino-compatible polyolefin polymers.

6. (Previously Presented) A polymeric web comprising a plurality of substantially continuous layers comprising pressure sensitive adhesive polymer that is foamed and at least two layers that are discontinuous in the cross-web direction and continuous in the down-web direction, said discontinuous layers being embedded between continuous layers and separated from each other by continuous layer material, said discontinuous layers comprising a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastics including homopolymers and copolymers thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 4 wherein said discontinuous layers comprise homopolymers or copolymers selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl-acetate copolymers, isotactic polypropylene, copolymers of norbornene and ethylene and ethylene/poly- α -olefin copolymers.

8. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein said substantially continuous layers comprise a material selected from blends of polyolefins and elastomeric block copolymers, natural or synthetic rubbers and blends of isotactic polypropylene and elastomeric polypropylene and wherein said discontinuous layers comprise a material selected from the group consisting of cyclic polyolefins and blends of cyclic polyolefin with non-cyclic polyolefin.

9-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein said discontinuous layers alternate with said continuous layers.

14. (Previously Presented) The web of claim 1 wherein said web has two substantially continuous layers between each discontinuous layer.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) The polymeric, coextruded multilayer web of claim 1 characterized by a substantially greater shear strength than multilayer webs that are the same except for the absence of the discontinuous layers.

20. (New) The polymeric multilayer web of claim 6 characterized by a substantially greater elastic modulus than multilayer webs that are the same except for the absence of the discontinuous layers.